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REPRESSIVE MEASURES DURING MRS. CARTER'S VISIT

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1. MAJOR NEWSPAPER IN RECIFE, BRASILIA AND SAO PAULO JUNE 4
CARRIED REPORTS ON INSIDE PAGES THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD
CONFIRMED THAT IT HAD REPLIED TO THE US NOTE OF CONCERN ON
DETENTION OF US CITIZENS REOSEBAUGH AND CAPUANO BUT HAD DECLINED
TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION ON CONTENTS OF REPLY.
FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN GUY BRANDAO QUOTED AS EXPLAINING THAT
MINISTRY WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE CASE UNTIL CURRENT
INQUIREY BEING CONDUCTED BY STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES
OF PERNAMBUCO IS COMPLETED. VERSION OF CORREIO BRASILIENSE
ADDED THAT THENOTE SENT ONLY FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE ARRIVAL
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OF FIRST LADY ROSALYNN ARTER, BROUGHT TO THE FESTIVITIES A
SUBJECT THAT STILL REMAINS THORNY IN US-BRAZIL RELATIONS--HUMAN
RIGHTS. CORREIO CONTIUES THAT SINCE ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL
OBJECTIVES OF MRS. CARTER'S VISIT WILL BE TO
EXPLAIN HER HUSBAND'S HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES THE
OCCURRENCE OF THESE INCIDENTS INCREASES IN IMPORTANCE
IN LIGHT OF HER PRESENCE IN BRASILIA.

2. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO VERSION STATES

THAT WHILE US EMBASSY CONFIRMED THAT MRS. CARTER WILL NOT BY PASS RECIFE BECAUSE OF THE DETENTION OF THE MISSIONARIES, "DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES INTERPRET THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES AND THE SECRECY ABOUT THEIR CONTENTS AS INDICATING NOT ONLY THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE AFFAIR BUT ALSO THE POSSIBILITY OF A CHANGE OF PROGRAM.

3. AS PART OF GENERAL COVERAGE OF BRASILIA UNIVERSITY

STUDENTS UNREST (SEPTEL) RIO'S GLOBO, REPORTS THAT GOVERNMENT ADVISER ALLEGEDLY EXPRESSING THE THINKING OF PLANALTO PALACE, SAID STUDENT LEADERS ARE "GAMBLING ON CARTER AND THIS A MISCALCULATION." THIS GOVERNMENT SOURCES EXPLAINED THAT LEADERS ARE FORCING A CONFRONTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT, CONVINCED THAT GOVERNMENT WILL WITHHOLD ITS ACTION BEFORE AND DURING MRS. CARTER'S PRESENCE IN BRAZIL. O GLOBO FURTHER REPORT THAT THE SOURCE RECALLED THAT DURING THE APRIL POLITICAL CRISIS MDB RADICALS HAD TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF TENSIONS IN US-BRAZIL RELATIONS TO CREATE AN IMPOASSE IN THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT ACT. IT WAS A GAMBIT THAT PROVED WRONG THEN AND IT IS BEING REPEATED NOW. O GLOBO'S SOURCE ASSURED THAT IT WAS NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO PROVOKE EVENTS NOT TO CREATING SERIOUS SITUATION, PARTICULARLY DURING MRS. CARTER'S VISIT, BUT THIS SHOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AS GOVERNMENT WEAKNESS OR AS A SIGN THAT THE STEP IT BELIEVES NECESSARY WILL NOT BE TAKEN.

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4. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO IN SAME ARTICLE REPORTING FOREIGN

MINISTRY'S REPLY TO US NOTE, REPORTS THAT FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA YESTERDAY WARNED PRESIDENT GEISEL ABOUT THE BAD REPRECUSIONS OF ANY FORCEFUL MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN ON THE VENUE OF OR DURING MRS. CARTER'S PRESENCE IN BRAZIL. SILVEIRA ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT MADE THESE OBSERVATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT IN VERY GENERAL TERMS, BUT ITAMARATI SOURCES CLAIMED SILVEIRA WAS CONCERNED WITH TWO POSSIBILITIES: (A) ACTION DEALING WITH THE STUDENT CRISIS : AND (B) THE UNSEATING OF MDB DEPUTY MARCOS TITO NOW UNDER ATTACK FOR READING COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA ON THE FLOOR OF THE CHAMBER. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, FOR SILVEIRA , ANY DRASTIC ACT OF THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE VISIT OF JIMMY CARTER'S WIFE WOULD BE DISASTROUS.

5. IN THIS VEIN, O GLOBO REPORTED JUNE 4 THAT

"WITHIN RESPONSIBLE SECTORS OF THE GOVERNMENT IT IS NOW CONSIDERED CERTAIN THAT MARCOS TITO WILL BE REMOVED FROM OFFICE AND DEPRIVED

OF HIS POLITICAL RIGHTS, ALONG WITH THREE
OPPOSITION DEPUTIES WHO MET WITH STRIKING STUDENTS
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF BRASILIA ON JUNE 1 (BRASILIA
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